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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 24, 1864.— Referred to Special Committee on Impressments, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. CHILTON.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, in relation to impressments and the schedule of prices fixed by Confederate Commissioners.

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, in General Assembly convened, That the right of the Confederate Government to impress the private property of its citizens for the public use, is conceded; and when the public service requires it, but only in such cases, that right should be exercised, and always, as the Constitution requires, with just compensation to the owner of said property.*

SECTION 2. *Be it further Resolved, That the good faith of the government, as well as good policy, requires that the citizens should receive the compensation awarded them for impressed property at the time it is taken; and that the policy which has heretofore been adopted, of paying for impressed property in mere certificates of impressment, which cannot be used, either in the payment of public dues or private debts, is, alike, violation of the rights of the citizen and the constitutional obligations of the government.*

SECTION 3. *Be it further Resolved, That the recent schedule of prices fixed by the Commissioners of the several States is arbitrary, unequal and unjust, and should be immediately revised, fixing the rates of compensation upon the basis of a fair market valuation for impressed property in the neighborhood where it is impressed.*

SECTION 4. *Be it further Resolved, That all certificates of indebtedness issued by the Government, in payment for property taken for public use, should be receivable in payment of public dues.*

SECTION 5. *Be it further Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be, and he is hereby, requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each one of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.*

Approved November 29th, 1864.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, }
Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 1st, 1864. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original rolls on file in my office.

P. H. BRITTAN,
Secretary of State.

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